some of them have objections to what they would call the Ultra measures of J. M. Garrison —

5. I know of Mr. Ide's preaching on the subject and delivering addresses, & praying. The same have I done myself & suppose that all of them pray on the subject. I do not know of their preaching so as to promote the great cause. It may be true of them all, however —

I regret, dear sir, that I cannot give you more full & accurate information on these points. But I met with some discouraging things at the last meeting of our A.S. since then my family have been sick, & of late I have been sick myself. I am obliged, therefore, either to give you no answer at all, or else to give you this. I hope it will not be altogether useless.

May God give you & all the friends of the slave wisdom & grace, that amid trials & persecutions, you may remain stedfast unto the end. —

I should be very happy to see you at my house. Give my love to Mrs. P. Believe me, dear brother,

Yours in the bonds of christian affection —

E. Smalley —

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Dear Brother

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Rec'd your communication in due season — Should have replied to it before, but hardly knew what to say by way of reply. At the last meeting of your Association, I laid your letter before them. — As the result of that meeting, I would state the following facts, in ans. to your queries. —

1. An Ag. embraces only 7 besides those who also belong to another Ag — Mr. Long of Milford — Ide, West Medway — Fisk, Wrentham (Centre) — Pierce, Foxboro' — Park, Stoughton — Cummings, N. Wrentham. — Smalley, Franklin. — Mr. Barney of Dedham, & Bigelow of Walpole, are connected with us. —

2. Of these, I do not know that any are members of A. S. Soc's. formed on the principles of immediate emancipation, except Dr. Ide & myself — Perhaps Mr. Fisk is, & perhaps Mr. Pierce. I cannot say certainly —

3. I do not know that any of your members would object to the principles of immediate emancipation, as set forth in the Cons. of the Am. A. S — I think that all of them would give them full assent to that great principle.

4. I have not been able to learn whether those of them who adopt that principle are not yet members of any Anti-Slavery Soc. — Probably